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This slide/tape-presentation is intended to cause its viewers to become more empathetic toward Nebraska's preschool individuals. And to let you know what these children do, think and feel.

It is up to you, the parent, teacher, librarian, board member, city official or concerned citizen to respond accordingly in your planning, programs and activities.

Between the ages of three and five, a child learns most eagerly. Everything the child encounters is a learning experience. Learning about book and non-book materials, and the library can be an invaluable experience. Frequent visits to the library for story hours and tours will serve to acquaint the child with the library and its functions. During the story hour, the child is not only entertained, but he also learns to listen, to respond, to ponder meanings, to examine pictures for their relationships to words. He also learns to use his imagination and discover how reading develops his own ability to do it. A good library experience at such an early age will provide a stimulus for future use.

It is the aim of the Nebraska Library Commission to help to improve library programs for pre-school children and to bridge the gap between libraries and day care. Libraries can help by providing materials concerning day care and parent involvement, and by availing their services such as a meeting place for parent and community groups.

Listed below are some suggestions for activities that your community may wish to try.

1. **STORYHOURS:** have a regularly scheduled time, weekly or bi-weekly, set aside just for the pre-schoolers. Use it for telling stories, listening to records or viewing films. Or, how about staging a puppet show now and then?

2. **BOOK DISCUSSIONS** of childrens' literature for the mothers of the children attending the story hour. This will help to get the mothers interested in good childrens' literature.

3. **FILMS** for very young children are available for loan, free of charge, through the cooperative film library of the Nebraska Library Commission and the Lincoln City Libraries. Films for, and about preschoolers are also available through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Instructional Media Center for a nominal rental fee. These films not only provide entertainment, but can help the small child understand his emotions, family and identity. The mailing addresses for films are:

Film Department
Lincoln City Libraries
14th & N Streets
Lincoln, Nebraska
and
University Extension Division
Instructional Media Center
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

4. **BEGIN** an interest center with a science or ecology project, aquarium, plants, baby chicks, etc.

5. A **PICTURE-lending** service will help the child develop his esthetic sense as well as to aid in his language growth.

6. VOLUNTEERS can be used to help with your storytime. Retired teachers make excellent storytellers. Volunteers could also be used to go into a day care center or home and tell stories there.

7. The addition of a TOY-LENDING LIBRARY to your collection of juvenile materials. These simple educational toys can mean so much to a child and his parent.

8. INCREASING the number of books loaned per card for day care or nursery school teachers will enable the library service to reach more of Nebraska's preschoolers.

9. ENLARGE your collection of periodicals, book and non-book materials for preschoolers.

10. TALKING book and cassette book service is available to very young children too, so if you know someone who has a child who could benefit, please contact the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 1047 South Lincoln, Nebraska 68502.

11. PROVIDE and/or arrange for transportation for those who are able but are prevented from visiting the library by lack of transportation.

12. MAKE use of simple story-telling aids such as: flannel board, story-telling apron, talking boards, puppets, tapes, enlarged pictures, etc.

13. HAVE your preschoolers work on an art project for a short time each week and then display the picture or whatever when they're completed.

14. TRY a songfest once in a while. Kids love to sing!

EQUIPMENT necessary for showing slide/tape presentation: 2 Kodak 760 H Carousel slide projectors 1 Kodak Carousel Dissolve Control Unit ! Sony stereo cassette recorder and/or player

For more information or assistance, contact: Community Information Specialist for
Preschool Children
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